

## Parliamentary Law For Auxiliaries

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### AUXILIARY MEETINGS.

#### A Regular Meeting.

At a regular meeting any action may be taken that is consistent with the purposes, and within the rules of the auxiliary except upon measures that are by rule set aside for certain meetings, business, inspirational or social. A session means one meeting or a series of meetings, as the continuity of a meeting constitutes one session.

#### A Special or Called Meeting.

At a special or called meeting no business can be legally transacted, except that specified in the call, unless these or similar words appear in the call: "and for any other business that might be presented to the meeting."

As soon as the meeting is called to order, the Chair should direct the Secretary to read the call issued for the meeting and then proceed with the order of business in accordance with the call.

#### The Annual Meeting.

Annual meetings differ from regular meetings and should be placed in the constitution with no provision for suspension. If it occurs on a legal holiday it may then be legally suspended.

Annual reports of officers, the Executive Board, Circles and Standing Committees, auditing of accounts, revision or amended constitution and the election of officers are matters usually limited to the annual meeting.

This is the most important bus-

iness meeting of the year, the session should be devoted entirely to the hearing of reports of the year's work, and the selecting of officers for the coming year.

#### An Adjourned Meeting.

An adjourned meeting is a legal continuation of a former meeting, and any business that was in order at that meeting is in order at the adjourned meeting.

The effect of Unfinished Business at an adjourned meeting is as follows: When assembly adjourns to a specified time, the unfinished business becomes a special order and should be taken up at the adjourned meeting immediately after the reading of the minutes.

An adjourned meeting must be held before the next regular meeting of the auxiliary or the business transacted will not be legal.

If a meeting at which officers are elected is adjourned until another day to complete the business of the annual meeting, the out going officers continue in office, and preside at such an adjourned meeting. The election of officers cannot be completed at any other than an adjourned meeting of the annual meeting, and must be held before the next regular meeting to make the election legal.

During the year, vacancies occurring in office are usually filled by appointment of the president or the executive board. The by-laws of some organizations give this appointing power to the president and others to the executive board.

without a witness. Job, a Temanite, not an Israelite, knows nothing of the prophetic revelations to the Hebrews. His is a religion learned from the voices of earth, sky and sea; and from human experience, through the devout, obedient heart.

Job was a man whose uprightness, goodness and fidelity to man were unquestioned, as was his reverence, obedience and gratitude to God. He was not free from errors of temper and infirmities of will, nor from some impatience, when his bitter cup had to be drunk, but his virtues were of an unusually high order, and his patience was far beyond the ordinary.

In his great prosperity he was leading a kind of dream life, not deep and strong. The life of Job has not yet had the difficult and strenuous probation that brings assured faith, a faith rooted immovably in God. There is no dreaming when the soul meets with sore rebuffs, when the limbs fall on the steep hills of difficult duty. In long continued prosperity, immunity from pain, sorrow, loss, earnestness of heart is not called for, and the will, however good, is not braced to endure.

It is in the scheme of things ordained by God that His creatures shall enjoy. It is also in His scheme that trouble, sorrow, loss, mental and physical pain shall come when needed not as punishment, but for discipline. By these things the believer is made to think more deeply, to trust more fully. They bring a deeper humility, a finer tenderness of nature.

This world and our discipline here, the trials of men, the doctrine of the cross, the fellowship in the sufferings of Christ, are not fitted to introduce us into a state in which the gratification of our desires shall be the main experience. They are fitted to educate the spiritual nature for the fulness of life.

Immortality becomes credible when it is seen as progress in that faith, that fidelity, that unquenchable de-

votion to the glory of God that marked the life even through suffering of the Divine Son of God in this world.

The purpose of God is entirely good, but it will remain for the sufferer himself to enter by the fiery way into full spiritual vigor. He will have the sustaining power, the protection, the grace of the Almighty in time of anguish and sore bewilderment. Yet his faith must be vindicated while the shadow of God's hand rests upon his life. He who is the author and finisher of faith alone could give to His storm-tossed child the grace to say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord." "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him."

To God's child who has been thus tested, tried and upheld, there comes a sense of perfect security through the keeping power of his God, that enables him to know that under all circumstances, even in the valley of the shadow of death, that keeping power will still be his, so that he may truly fear no evil. Job thought that his obedience constituted his indefeasible claim upon God; but faith is the only claim that stands with God, and that in adverse circumstances. Job is taught the power of the Creator to inspire, the right of the Creator to expect faith, whatever trials He may send or permit.

"The glory of God is to have sons who can endure. Trial, sorrow, change, death, loss—is anything disastrous that God allows? Impossible. His care of His creation is beyond our imagining. There are no disasters in His universe save where the will of man divorced from faith would tear a way through His eternal law."

Have we had questionings arise when we have seen loved ones whom we know to be God's children suffer day by day? "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" "What I (Continued on page 13.)

## Laymen and Their Work

### RED RIVER LAYMEN.

The fifth annual convention of the Laymen of Red River Presbytery will be held in the Presbyterian Church of Monroe, La., Tuesday, January 23, 1923. Preparations are being made for the best convention yet held.

### LAYMEN'S CONVENTION.

The eighth Biennial General Convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Presbyterian Church in the United States will meet in six Regional centers as follows: Houston, Texas, February 13-14; Little Rock, Ark., February 15-16; Jacksonville, Fla., February 20-21; Charlotte, N. C., February 22-23; Richmond, Va., February 27-28; Huntington, W. Va., March 1-2, 1923.

Five thousand six hundred and twenty-one registered delegates attended the Regional Conventions in 1921. This so far exceeded the attendance of any single convention that we feel the Regional plan is more than justified.

#### Why A Convention?

Because every Church needs a world field. We want to study larger maps.

Because every man needs a vision. "He who has a task without a vision is a drudge." At all previous Conventions scores have caught a real vision—a vision abiding through the years, transforming men's thinking, giving, living. We believe that with God's help the approaching Conventions shall be no exception.

#### Resume.

Our last Convention in the interest of Foreign Missions was eight years ago. Since then in 1917 we held our Convention solely and alone in the interest of Assembly's Home Missions. In 1919 we considered "The Whole Task of the Church," and in 1921 "Evangelism and the Progressive Program."

#### Purpose.

It is fitting therefore that after a lapse of eight years we meet to consider anew "World Evangelization." "If there was ever a time when the Church should emphasize evangelism it is the very moment when that practice of a social gospel, which is a poor substitute for the shed blood, is in the ascendant." To an alarming degree, this is now true, both here and abroad.

#### How Meet the Present Need?

This is a situation that requires courage and action. The one way out is to give the world what it needs. However unconscious of the truth the world may be the Lord Jesus Christ is the only hope of the world. Political parties and Peace Conferences have failed to bring peace to the world. Science and civilization have brought comforts and conveniences. Education and culture have brought intellectual occupations and delights, but deeper and yet deeper the world needs Christ now and what Christ alone can do for it.

#### The Laymen's Part.

"A need and the ability to meet that need constitute a claim." We Christian men recognize that the Church was established to spread Christianity; that it can accomplish this in the only way in which living things can ever succeed—by living action. Therefore let us give ourselves whole heartedly to the task. By action of the Permanent Committee on Men's Work, appointed by the last Assembly, the Laymen's Missionary Movement is now an integral part of the Men's Work of the Church, being the "Department of Inspiration." For this reason more than ever let us advance shoulder to shoulder, every lay-

man backing his pastor, his Church, to the limit.

#### This Situation Calls For a Constructive Convention.

We can promise a constructive Convention. Vital questions affecting the life and progress of our Church will be faced and seriously considered. We will hear from the Permanent Committee on Men's Work appointed by our Assembly. This Committee is now diligently considering all phases of men's activities and will unquestionably present a constructive and an aggressive program that will call for our best effort.

#### What Hath Already Been Wrought.

We will hear from our foreign fields, from men who know what they know and know how to make it known. We will hear from our field in the Southland, and from men who have a thrilling story to tell of how God is winning men by the old, old method of using men and their testimony. The South is leading our country today in aggressive evangelism by laymen.

#### The Program.

The program will be strong. Already a sufficient number of speakers of spiritual vision and power have accepted our invitation to assure our program being not one whit behind our former Conventions. While we shall want carefully to review and consider the part we Presbyterians have assumed in giving the Gospel to the world, and the progress we have made in overtaking our world task, this will not be to the exclusion of the work in the homeland. Evangelism rightly occupies a central place in our "Progressive Program," and this will by no means be overlooked.

#### Women's Parallel Conventions.

We are glad to announce that the Women's Auxiliary will hold Parallel Conventions in every city at the same time for the women of our Church. The same plan will be pursued as at our former Conventions. The women meet separately in the day sessions, and both Conventions unite for the evening sessions. Mrs. W. C. Winnsborough, the Superintendent of the Women's Auxiliary, will be in charge and is enthusiastically enlisting the cooperation and support of the women. Mrs. Winnsborough will spend several weeks this winter in Southern Texas and Mexico and will return in time to bring a full report of her personal observation of our greatly enlarged and rapidly developing work in Mexico and also among the Mexicans in Texas.

#### Railroad Rates Registration.

We are promised 25 per cent reduction in round trip railroad rates. This makes it possible for a large attendance.

The Convention will be self-enterprising, as heretofore. The registration fee is \$2.00. Circulars will be issued later in regard to railroad rates, hotel accommodations, etc. These will be gladly mailed upon application.

#### Call to Prayer.

Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest, that from the Convention may result widespread conviction that now is the time for us as a Church to fulfill our Lord's last command. Pray that there may be a determined effort on the part of pastors and congregations to match with gifts the wonderful offering of life on the part of our young men and women in seminaries, colleges and schools. "The one way of getting a thing done is to get Him to do it." Therefore let us set our hearts to prayer.